

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the section entitled DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT, please delete the paragraph starting at page 10, line 20 and replace it with the following rewritten paragraph:

The support member 8 can be made in a variety of shapes and sizes. While it is preferable that the support member 8 be made in a cylindrical shape, as shown in **Figs. 1 and 3**, the support member 8 can be made in a polygonal shape (e.g., rectangular, hexagonal, etc.). It is important to maintain a tight seal between the support member 8 and the support sleeve 10, or the self-lubricating sleeve 28 and the support sleeve 10 so that miscellaneous particles (e.g., dirt) do not become lodged between the two respective components and cause the stand 2 to malfunction. Thus, in order to minimize any gaps that might exist, the support sleeve 10 should be made with the same or a very similar outer surface shape as the support member 8. A dirt/dust seal member 31 may also be used on the support sleeve 10 to further minimize unwanted gaps.